

THE GOSSIP COLUMN by Robin Adams Sloan

Q: My son says some of his friends are "phone phreaks" and that's how he spells it. I don't understand about these kids and their little blue boxes. —B. C., Arlington, Va.

A: "Phone phreaks" are a growing band of electronic hobbyists, many of them teen-age, who are giving Ma Bell the heebie-jeebies. Their homemade little blue boxes are gadgets enabling users to make free phone calls all over the world. Devotees of the "sport" rap with pals all over the world or call London, Hong Kong, and Rome just to hear the time and weather. Many box-owners are blind youngsters who use "phreaking" for companionship. The use of little blue boxes is illegal, but so far the telephone company has had little success in tracking down dial-pirates.

Q: My husband has a full-time job, but about a year ago he started working nights and weekends. We don't need the extra money and it drives me buggy. My sister says he may be a "workaholic" and says you'll know what the name of the book is on the subject. —T. G., Oconto Falls, Wis.

A: Your sister is referring to "Confessions of a Workaholic," by Wayne Oats. The writer uses the term to describe those who have a deep craving not merely for work but for overwork, and can be happily on the job as much as 80 hours a week. Psychoanalyst Karl Abraham says that work addiction is a means by which some people "protect themselves against the outbreak of serious neurotic phenomena." They are miserable on weekends, can't abide vacations, and only feel better on Monday mornings when work begins again. America, it seems, is full of "workaholics," among them many of the nation's leading politicians, corporate heads, and sports figures.



Bernstein: The Kissing Bandit.



Wayne: Things looked black.

Q: I saw Leonard Bernstein on the Today show after the JFK Center opening, kissing and hugging everybody in sight—both men and women, plus all the Kennedys. What's with him? —G. P., Chicago, Ill.

A: The maestro likes to kiss both men and women and he especially likes to buss Kennedys. Mrs. Rose Kennedy visibly recoiled from his embraces, murmuring that he would ruin her makeup, but nothing deters Lenny. He was the same way years ago when Jacqueline Kennedy was First Lady, giving her a sweaty embrace and kiss after conducting in New York. Maybe that's why Jackie nixed the opening, in order to avoid the man whom composer Aaron Copland calls "the kissing bandit."

Q: How does Charlie Chaplin feel about his daughter Vicky's involvement with the circus clown you wrote about? —G. H., Terre Haute, Ind.

A: Chaplin is placid over Vicky's marriage to Jean-Baptiste Thierree and he has maintained his serenity in the face of a brand new granddaughter named Aurora. Unless his children cost him money or try to exploit the family name, Chaplin and his wife Oona remain on cordial but distant terms with their numerous offspring. This includes daughter Geraldine, who had a brief, unspectacular film career in "Doctor Zhivago," and who is engaged in common-law joint housekeeping with a young Italian director in Madrid.

QUESTIONS YOU DIDN'T ASK BUT HERE'S THE ANSWER ANYWAY:

Super-patriot John Wayne sought the services of ten major actors to play with him in his latest film "The Cowboy." Everyone turned down the role, with Richie Havens saying, "It's a great part, but I couldn't show my face to my friends if I took it." However, beautiful black Roscoe Lee Brown refuses to practice prejudice in reverse. He took the role.

Robin Adams Sloan welcomes questions from readers. While Sloan cannot provide individual answers, questions of general interest will be used in the column. Write to Robin Adams Sloan, care of this newspaper. Copyright, 1971 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Your Horoscope

By JEANE DIXON

Your birthday today: Current expectations should be high. Critical testing of your abilities and the reality of your plans comes quickly so that the first three months are full of incidents, make-or-break opportunities. Then your year settles to steady upward development. Today's natives understand the need for persistent hard work, prefer to organize so that their share is largely the thinking and planning.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Impulse moves everybody this morning, including some who aren't due to stir. Keep track of what's happening; do as little as your situation allows until you get the whole picture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Morning action runs into crosscurrents, needless duplication if you let it. Afternoon clarity puts you at special advantage for a fresh start.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Pause and look about you rather than depend on the skills and alertness of others. Work as nearly alone as your situation allows; be ready for delays, interruptions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Clearance activity should be your main concern. Get rid of useless belongings, equipment serving no purpose; abandon failing ventures.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Long-term plans are not yet feasible—more groundwork needs to be done. Declutter your schedule.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Just staying abreast of current developments and carrying your end of the stick will be enough to manage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What may seem to be intervention turns out to be novel sort of help. There's more to any situation than you imagine.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Set-back is or should be a rare exception from which you learn a great deal and rebound with even stronger motivation and morale.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Concentrate on the reasons why things are as they are and what you plan to do that will make them better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): See the moment of relative austerity in perspective. Realize that better times and higher achievements are earned by hard work and thrift now. Change is on the way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Reason and system enjoy a field day. For once everything seems to work smoothly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Review your position and make an added touch to improve or defend it. Everybody else is watching to see how you thrive.

Dedication At St. Paul's

The dedication of new white altar paraments and senior choir robes took place during the worldwide Holy Communion service held Sunday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The Rev. Ralph Dower, pastor, officiated at the dedication and administered the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The altar paraments were presented as memorials to Ellsworth and Lillian Hartranft by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Hartranft.

The light blue choir robes and white stoles were purchased through memorials to Walter Habel, Mrs. Edwin (Ruth) Charles Sr. and George Raudenbush, former choir members, and through gifts of individuals and church organizations.

U of P Student Named New Director of Bank

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A 21-year-old University of Pennsylvania student has been named to the board of directors of Lincoln National Bank.

Lee Evan Tabas reportedly will be the youngest board member serving a bank in the state.

Tabas is completing his fifth year at Penn leading to degrees in business and mechanical engineering.

Tabas is the son of Daniel M. Tabas of Haverford, who is a member of the board of the Industrial Valley Bank and president of the Downingtown Inn and Golf Club.

The younger Tabas serves as president of a student exchange organization which arranges the exchange of college students from the United States to foreign countries.

Under this program, Tobas was employed at a commercial bank in Germany, during the summer of 1970, and at the Sony Corp. in Japan this past summer.

ALBATROSS HAVEN

DUNEDIN, New Zealand (AP) — A rocky spur at the end of the Otago Peninsula is the only part of a mainland in the world where the royal albatross nests regularly. Elsewhere it's on tiny lonely islands.

A public observatory is now being built near the South Island nesting place so naturalists will be able to observe the big sea birds more closely than anywhere else.

5 NIGHTS LEFT

SHAMROCK AT Pocono Downs

Hazleton Standard-Speaker, Tuesday, October 5, 1971 17

Choralairs Will Celebrate 25th Anniversary in 1972

The Choralairs of Hazleton will be organizing through the month of October to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the group. Formed on Jan. 27, 1947, with seventeen members under the direction of Mrs. Elwood Jones, the non-sectarian group has among its past and present membership representatives of many professions who are bound together by their mutual love of music.

During their first year the Choralairs entertained for church groups and banquets, and in April 1948, presented their first major production. Because of its financial success, the group made a contribution to the local Crippled Children's Association. Through the efforts of the Choralairs, Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians were brought to Hazleton in Feb., 1954, for the benefit of establishing a heart section at the Hazleton State Hospital.

In 1956, Mrs. Ann Kauffman took over the leadership of the Choralairs until 1966 when the present director, Miss Miriam Howells assumed the responsibility. In its 25 years of existence, the group has produced many shows and serenades with proceeds being given to such worthwhile community organizations as: Rotary International (Hazleton, Freeland & Weatherly Chapters); Kiwanis; Unico; Freeland Lions; and West Hazleton P.T.A., among others. During this period of time, profits from these shows, totaling nearly \$12,000, were thus returned to the community through affiliation with sponsoring organizations.

The Choralairs meet on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 46 S. Laurel St. Any adult who enjoys singing and would like to become an active member of this organization may attend a rehearsal to meet informally with the group. Formal auditions for membership are not required.

Hollywood Getting Own Film Festival

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — After 60 years as center of movie-making, Hollywood is finally getting its own film festival.

Except that it isn't called a festival. And it's not named after Hollywood. It's called the First Los Angeles International Film Exposition.

Over the years many a public-spirited citizen, as well as some publicity-seekers, have proposed that Hollywood follow the lead of Cannes, Venice, San Sebastian and others, and have its own festival.

It made sense, since Hollywood is the putative movie capital of the world.

The Los Angeles Festival, nicknamed FILMEX, had its origin in a tour by veteran director George Cukor, The Motion Picture Academy sent him to investigate how countries submit their entries for the foreign-language film award. Cukor learned much about film festivals in his travels.

What good do festivals accomplish?

Their adherents argue that festivals reward film excellence by honoring past accomplishments and recognizing present ones. Selection by festival boards brings prestige to a film and, sometimes, greater receipts in the world market.

"The founders realized from past experience that festival plans had failed because backing was not wide enough," says Gary Essert, FILMEX director. "So all of the major organizations in the film community were contacted—the academy, the American Film Institute, the County Museum, the Harold Lloyd Foundation and the film schools of UCLA, USC and Cal-Arts."

"All were hesitant to make the first step. Finally the academy said 'Yes, we will participate if you can get four

Sergeant Major Now At Base in Germany

Army command sergeant major Nicholas A. Biacco, son of Mrs. Frances Biacco, Rr. 768½ Alter St., recently was assigned to the Second Armored Cavalry Regiment near Nurnberg, Germany.

Biacco holds three awards of the Bronze Star Medal, one for heroism. He also holds two awards of the Army Commendation Medal. Biacco's wife, Mathilde, is with him in Germany.

Quarterly Subsidy To Be Paid Schools

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Department of Education announced Monday it would pay about \$30 million, or 20 percent, of the first quarterly subsidy to public schools Oct. 7.

Education Secretary David H. Kurtzman said \$130 million would be paid Oct. 29 and the remaining \$19 million by Nov. 30.

The first payment in the new fiscal year normally is made in August but was held up this fall because of the state's budget crisis. Subsequent payments usually are mailed in November, February and May, but Kurtzman said these payments also may be held up.

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other organizations. Then all the others fell in line."

It couldn't be called the Hollywood Film Festival because a local promoter had been using that title. The board of trustees, who include Cukor, Norman Corwin, Walter Mirisch, Rosalind Russell, King Vidor and critic Arthur Knight, decided to broaden the geographical base and name it after Los Angeles.

But the Nov. 4-14 event will bear the unmistakable stamp of Hollywood. FILMEX showings will be at the Grauman's Chinese Theater.

"We'll show approximately 17 new films and 17 vintage films, some of which will be followed by symposiums featuring the film makers," said Essert. "We will also have a program of student films and another of animation, as well as two children's shows."

Unlike most other festivals, FILMEX will be noncompetitive—no prizes given. Budget is \$150,000 and the sponsors believe the affair will be self-supporting.

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